

PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

DARDANELLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

— HELD WITH —

Union Grove Church, Johnson Co., Ark., Sept. 19, 20, 21, 1885.

Next session to be held with the Baptist Church, at Revilee,
Logan Co., Ark., Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in
September, 1886, six miles north of Magazine.

OFFICERS:

J. S. GRAY, - - - - Moderator.

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, Clerk and Treasurer.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The messengers composing the Dardanelle Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church, at Union Grove, Johnson County, Arkansas, September 19th, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder W. N. Womack. 11 o'clock A. M., Elder F. A. Bunch, preached the introductory Sermon from Matthew 28: 19-20, followed by Elder G. W. Reeves, Financial Secretary of the State Board of Missions. Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M. Benediction by Elder G. W. Reeves.

Two o'clock P. M., met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the thirty-second Psalm. Hymn, "Amazing grace how sweet the sound." Prayer by Elder Woodard. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Read the letters from the several Churches, and enrolled the names of the messengers. Read petitionary letters from Monta Valley, Lick Creek and New Friendship Churches, and extended the hand of fellowship to their messengers. Appointed the Pastor and Deacons of Union Grove, with Brethren Hill and W. R. Blair, a Committee on Religious Exercises. Appointed Elders Woodard and Capps, tellers who reported Elders J. S. Gray, duly elected Moderator and J. R. G. W. N. Adams, Clerk and Treasurer. Elder G. W. Reeves, addressed the Association on the subject of State Missions. Moved that Elder G. W. Reeves follow the 11 o'clock sermon on to-morrow, and that a collection be taken, to be equally divided between State and Associational Missions.

Moved that a Committee on Education be appointed.

Moved that a Committee on Foreign Missions be appointed.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday morning. Benediction by Elder S. I. Lee.

Night service, 8 o'clock P. M., Elder J. Y. Campbell, preached from Ephesians 2 : 10.

In the interim appointed the following committees :

DECEASED MINISTERS—E. H. Gray, C. C. Hogan and N. H. Grist.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS—S. I. Lee, J. W. Hunnicutt and J. A. Gray.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. B. Searcy and J. Young.

EDUCATION—J. B. Searcy, R. J. Blevins and J. W. Horn.

DOCUMENTS—W. N. Womack, A. F. Roan and E. H. Walk.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—C. C. Hogan, S. I. Lee and L. M. Sivley.

TEMPERANCE—J. W. Pendergrass, C. Thomas and M. L. Stewart.

FINANCE—W. R. Blair, J. A. Gray and F. A. Bunch.

NOMINATIONS—M. P. Blair, A. Ward and C. Thomas.

PUBLICATIONS—G. W. Hunnicutt, J. W. Pendergrass and J. C. Ragon.

Sabbath, 9 o'clock A. M. The Religious Exercises were conducted by Elder A. F. Roan. 11 o'clock A. M., Elder S. I. Lee, preached the Missionary Sermon from Luke 24 : 47, followed by Elder G. W. Reeves. Collection \$18.00.. 3 o'clock P. M., Elder J. B. Searcy, preached from Ephesians 1 : 13. Collection for Foreign Missions, \$12.20. 8 o'clock P. M., Elder J. R. G. W. N. Adams, preached from Romans 12 : 1-2 : after which quite a religious interest was manifested. Monday, 8 o'clock A. M., met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the twenty-third Psalm. Prayer by Elder J. B. Searcy. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Called the roll. Read and approved the minutes.

Called for correspondence—received Elder W. S. Capps, from Russellville Association, and Elder J. L. Allen, from Clear Creek Association.

Invited visiting Baptist ministers to seats—Elder J. Y. Campbell, accepted and took a seat.

Appointed Elders J. Hudspeth, J. S. Gray, and Brethren C. T. Owen and J. J. Quick, correspondents to the Russellville Association, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October next; Elders J. Young, J. B. Searcy and Brother C. T. Owen, to Clear Creek Association, on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1886; Elders J. B. Searcy, J. S. Gray, J. Young, J. R. G. W. N. Adams and Brother W. R. Blair, correspondents to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in November next, to be held with the Baptist Church at Hope.

Read and adopted the following reports:

Deceased Ministers, see Report A.

Sabbath Schools, see Report F.

Temperance, see Report G.

Documents, see Report E.

Finance, see Report H.

Nominations, see Report I.

Adjourned for preaching. Benediction by the Moderator.
11 o'clock, A. M., Elder J. B. Searcy preached from John 14:
11. Adjourned until 2 P. M. Benediction by Elder J. Young.

Two o'clock P. M., met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Blair. Read the report on Domestic Missions. On motion the report was recommitted, and Elders J. B. Searcy and J. Hudspeth were added to the committee.

Read and adopted the following reports:

Education, see Report D.

Foreign Missions, see Report C.

Publications, see Report J.

Domestic Missions, see Report B.

On motion C. Thomas, F. A. Bunch and W. R. Blair, were appointed a committee to nominate an Executive Committee; whereupon the names of J. A. Gray, Wm. Langford, R. H. Dugas, J. R. Raper and A. Ward, were reported said Executive Committee.

Agreed to hold the next session of this Association with the Baptist Church at Revilee, six miles north of Magazine, Logan County, Arkansas, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in September, 1886, 10 o'clock A. M.

Agreed to have 800 copies of these minutes printed, and allow the Clerk \$20 for his services.

On motion paid Elder J. Y. Campbell \$20 for Missionary labor.

On motion a collection of \$4.50 was taken for the benefit of Elder J. Hudspeth.

The thanks of this Association were tendered to the Moderator and Clerk for their services, and also to the brethren and friends of Union Grove Church, for the great hospitality manifested in entertaining this body.

Agreed to append our articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum to these minutes.

Sung a parting hymn, and extended the parting hand. Prayer by Elder J. Hudspeth. Adjourned to the time and place before named.

J. S. GRAY, *Moderator.*

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, *Clerk and Treasurer.*

A. REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We are thankful that God has spared the lives of all our ministers, and may He, in kindness and mercy, watch over them.

E. H. GRAY, *Chairman.*

B REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

In view of the fact that there is a number of unemployed and partially unemployed ministers in our Association, who, if employed, could supply the destitution in our bounds. We advise this Association to appoint an Executive Committee, whose business shall be to take charge of the Missionary work of this Association, and to employ (other things being equal), the minister, near the destitute places, to such work as the Committee deems necessary and profitable, and agree with such men as to the amount of money to be paid for such services by the Treasurer of the Association, from funds on hand, upon the order of the Executive Committee. We also advise that every Pastor shall take a collection in every Church he serves, and instruct the Churches to the best of his ability with regard to the Missionary work at home and abroad, and their duty in connection with that work.

S. I. LEE, *Chairman.*

C. REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are glad to know that our people are waking up to the obligation of sending the Gospel to the regions beyond. For two years past, our State has been asked by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to raise \$1,000 annually for this cause. This year we are asked to raise the same amount. Your Committee wants Dardanelle Association

to take a prominent part in raising this money. Therefore, we recommend, that some brother from each Church become a voluntary agent, to try to raise an amount equal to ten cents per member, for each member of his Church, to be paid before the first day of April next.

J. B. SEARCY, *Chairman.*

D. REPORT ON EDUCATION.

This is a subject most vitally connected with our best interests as a people. Education is an increase of power, either for good or evil. As the power of steam is a mighty agent for the transportation of freight, and the rapid transit of passengers from point to point when properly controlled, but when uncontrolled, is a mighty agent for the destruction of property and human life; so education properly directed, is one of the greatest earthly blessings in preparing men for stations of duty and usefulness in the world; but when misdirected, it only aids a bad man to be worse. It is no longer necessary to argue the importance of education, this is generally recognized, and our country abounds with schools of both high and low degree. But many of these schools are taught by irreligious teachers, and some by downright infidels. With our children in the hands of such teachers, we have little promise to them. While we should educate the head and hands, we should also seek to educate the heart. The Baptists of Arkansas need a school of their own of high grade, at which their children can have all the advantages of thorough education, with good moral training. Such a school the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is laboring now to establish, and we have reason to hope that it will be established in this part of the State. In view of all the facts, we would recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Association most heartily indorse the effort upon the part of the Baptist State Convention to establish a Baptist College in the State, and urge all our brethren to heartily co-operate in this noble enterprise.

J. B. SEARCY, *Chairman.*

E. REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We find that New Hope, No. 1, Paris and Revilee Churches, desire the next session of this Association.

W. N. WOMACK, *Chairman.*

F. REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The work of Sabbath Schools is very much neglected by our Churches. We would urge all our Churches to maintain a Sabbath School in each Church, and that our literature and the Word of God be taught.

C. C. HOGAN, *Chairman.*

G. REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We take the Word of Life as a guide and rule of faith and practice, and it condemns intemperance of every character, and especially drunkenness. It being a growing evil in our land, we would urge all our Churches and people to use every lawful means to banish this evil from our land. Let us prove our faith by our works, and live so that we may be able to give a reason of the hope within us.

J. W. PENDERGRASS, *Chairman.*

H. REPORT ON FINANCE.

For Minutes.....	\$ 46 55
Collection on Sabbath.....	9 00
Amount on hand.....	60 30
From Caulksville for Missions.....	4 00
Total.....	\$119 85

W. R. BLAIR, *Chairman.*

I. REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We would nominate Elder J. R. G. W. N. Adams to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. Young, alternate; Elder J. B. Searcy to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Elder J. Y. Campbell, alternate.

M. P. BLAIR. *Chairman.*

J. REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We would recommend *The Evangel*, our State organ, be more generally patronized and supported, that the Baptists of our State may be more thoroughly acquainted with each other in all our State work. We would advise our people to read *The Tennessee Baptist*, an able defender of our faith and practice. We would also recommend *The American Flag* as an ably conducted paper. We recommend for Sabbath Schools *Kind Words*, and the Sunday School Literature of the American Baptist Publication Society.

J. W. PENDERGRASS, *Chairman.*

NOTE BY THE CLERK.—The Finance Committee made no report of the amount paid by each Church for minutes, and some of the letters did not state the amount, so in two or three cases I have not been able to give the amount.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The officers of this Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time.
4. A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; on obtaining leave, shall proceed.
6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.
7. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or uses words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him that made it.
8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is introduced.
9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.
10. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debate has been carried through.

12. The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association by members in their addresses one to another.

13. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator, at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

17. These rules may be amended at a regular meeting of this body by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposed change has been submitted to the body the day previous.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are a revelation from God, and that the New Testament is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in original sin by the fall of Adam.

5. We believe in man's incapacity, but his own free will and ability, to rescue himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

6. We believe that the saints are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ alone.

7. We believe that the saints will be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that believers are the only proper subjects of Baptism; and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

10. We believe no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who has been regularly immersed, and that is called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a scriptural Presbytery.

11. We believe that none but regularly immersed believers have a right to come to the Lord's Supper.

12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be kept as a day of rest and devotional exercise.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	For Minutes.	S. S. Scholars.	Preaching.
Ch...	Corley	Logan	J. Young	E. H. Gray	C. C. Hogan, E. H. Gray	3	1	2				40			\$1 50	2	2
's Creek	Riley	Yell	F. A. Bunch	W. I. Grist	F. A. Bunch, N. H. Grist	4	2	2				38			1 00	50	2
h	Dardanelle	Yell	J. R. G. W. N. Adams	E. B. Thompson	J. R. G. W. N. Adams	2	2	2				20			1 25		2
h	Danville	Yell	J. H. Dilday	N. B. Chisholm	No from '84							16					1
hem	Berta	Yell	I. F. Brice	A. M. Duran	James George	11	7		4			30			1 50		
Creek	Prairie View	Logan	J. S. Gray	F. P. Carr	J. S. Gray, J. A. Gray, M. P. Blair, L. M. Sively	6	1	11	19			19			3 00		2
Creek	Southern Home	Yell	J. Young	G. W. Fowler	N. Z. Henry	1	6		3	45		26			1 50		1
ville	Caulksville	Logan	J. O. Sanders	J. R. Richey	E. W. Bruton	3	5					45	\$4 00		1 50		1
beate Spring	Walnut Tree	Yell	F. A. Bunch	J. A. Johnson	Wm. Crosby	1	1	3		2	6	59			2 00		3
Point	Ada	Conway			No from '82							46					
Creek	Marvinville	Yell			No from '83							16					
nelle	Dardanelle	Yell	J. B. Searcy	J. W. McGuire	J. B. Searcy, S. I. Lee	9	7	1	1	3		68	\$30 00		2 50	45	2 64
ship	Jennings Falls	Yell	L. G. Earles	J. W. Barry	Letter, but no Messengers	1	3			1	10				75		2
ark	Chismville	Logan	E. H. Gray	D. F. Nowlin	D. F. Nowlin, W. W. Howard					1	24				1 00		1
y Spring	Ferguson's Mill	Yell	J. H. Dilday	J. R. Fink	J. Hudspeth, H. Fink, W. R. Kennington		5			1	49				1 00		2
Star	Nebraska	Scott		W. S. Jones	No Messengers					1	8				50		2
Creek	Booneville	Logan	A. F. Roan	L. W. Swint	L. W. Swint, A. R. Hill	13	12	1	1	1	35				1 50		4
onia	Morrison's Bluff	Logan	M. O. Sanders	W. R. Blair	W. R. Blair, A. J. Sanderson		6			1	49				1 00		4
ine	Magazine	Logan	T. P. Manning	R. T. Marr	W. S. Knight, R. T. Marr	2	11	6		1	42				1 50		1
Carmel	Rover	Yell	J. H. Mirze	J. Burruss	L. S. Fisher	2	2	2		1	40				1 00		1
Pleasant	Magazine	Logan	A. F. Roan	W. R. Hall	A. F. Roan, C. C. Hall	2		7		1	64				1 80		4
Tabor	Dardanelle	Yell			No from '84							43					
Vernon	Gravelly Hill	Yell	J. H. Mirze	J. M. Hunnicutt	J. M. Hunnicutt, G. W. Hunnicutt		2				13				50		1
Zion	Briggsville	Yell	J. H. Mirze	C. P. Hill	Wm. Simms	6	6	1		1	29						3
ain Spring	Box Spring	Yell	J. H. Dilday	C. Sugg	L. C. Robeson, J. W. Horn		1	3		1	30				1 30		2
Valley	Marvinville	Yell	E. H. Stafford	Leroy McBride	J. E. Watkins, Leroy McBride	7	6	1	1	1	19				75		1
Hope, No. 4	Dardanelle	Yell	J. B. Searcy	I. A. Huckaby	C. Thomas, E. H. Walk, R. J. Blevins	24	5	18	2	3	1	1	8 00	10 50	3 00	50	1
Hope No. 2	Nebraska	Scott	J. W. Shepherd	G. W. Cornelius	No Messengers			1	1	2	20						3
Hope No. 3	Waldron	Scott			No from '82						40						
Bethel	Gilkey	Yell	W. F. Smith	M. L. Stewart	Y. K. Light, S. S. Smith, M. L. Stewart	4	3		1		68				1 05		4
Friendship	Booneville	Logan	A. F. Roan	W. R. Sanders	W. R. Sanders, J. F. Springer	1	10				28				1 50		2
rove	Dardanelle	Yell	E. H. Stafford	R. H. Whitford	No from '84						33						3
	Paris	Logan	T. P. Manning	A. T. Fitzgerald	W. N. Wormack, J. C. Wade		12	2	1	5	2	67			1 25		3
nt Hill	Creole	Logan	W. N. Wormack	J. C. Ragon	J. C. Ragon, J. Luman	5	2			2	26				75		2
nt Grove	Dublin	Logan	W. N. Wormack	W. A. Hall	A. Ward		3				12				50		1
elphia.	Ferguson's Mill	Yell	J. H. Dilday	T. L. Heath	J. Gibbs, C. A. Dilday	9			1		21				1 25		4
e	Revilee	Logan	J. Young	J. H. Howard	J. Young	4	2	7		5	1	81			2 00		4
Creek	Ferguson's Mill	Yell	J. W. Pendergrass	G. W. Woodson	No Messengers	2	2	7			58				1 25		8
	Magazine	Logan	J. Young	A. Loyd	J. A. Bibby, A. D. Martin		4	5			18				1 20		3
Grove	Clarksville	Johnson	J. S. Gray	P. L. Roquemore	W. H. Langford, J. J. Quick, H. Love, P. L. Roquemore	8	7	8	2	1	1	103			2 50		3
	Jennings Falls	Yell			No from '84						47						
Hill	Alpha	Yell	E. H. Stafford	D. Roach	J. W. Pendergrass	22	9	3	3			75					